

1. - 13. (canceled)

14. (previously amended) A modular fence for discouraging burrowing animals,
comprising:

a plurality of modules each having;

a plurality of generally parallel elongate members each having an upper end and a
tapered lower end;

upper and lower crossbars connecting said plurality of elongate members in a row
comprising a pair of end members and a plurality of intermediate members,
wherein said elongate members have a spacing of between about 1 inch and
about 2 ½ inches, each of said upper and lower crossbars comprising a
continuous, solid, homogeneously formed and unbroken member;

two pairs of lips, each pair comprising upper and lower lips, each pair of lips
extending outwardly beyond a corresponding one of said pair of end members,
each of said pairs of lips providing guides for receiving an elongate stake for
connecting each pair of lips to a corresponding pair of lips on another module;

said tapered lower ends of said elongate members extending at least about 3
inches below said lower crossbar for insertion into ground;

said elongate members extending at least about 16 inches above said lower
crossbar;

wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a generally straight row
of said elongate members;

wherein some of said plurality of said modules each include a curved row of said
elongate members;

wherein said elongate stake includes a tapered lower end for insertion into said
ground, and wherein said elongate stake is no more than about 2 ½ inches away
from said corresponding end members of said connected modules.

15. (original) A modular fence according to claim 14, further comprising an anchor brace inserted into said ground, said anchor brace having a cross section that is larger than said elongate stake and said members and at least one lip protruding outwardly from said brace, said lip of said brace including a guide for receiving said elongate stake.
16. (canceled).